

F. C. Allen, page two, Nov. 17th, '41.

When I get started on the typewriter, Doc, I breathe heavily and will finish what I have in mind, and I might say that this is not to bother you for answer as I know you are busy about eight days a week. I just saw in paper you have lot of engagements and so on right away now.

I can't figure what you will do in basketball. I feel that to lose three men like Allen, Engleman and Kline would be a blow that you could not offset this season. I can't see anyone who will score like Engleman tho you might have two forwards who would score as much as the two last year, that is two high men. And you might be as strong at guard with Sollenberger having another year of experience, but granting you can replace Kline then I can't see how you can replace Allen at center. You might have a strong^{er} all-around team this year than last, but I hardly can see it now, tho of course I am guessing largely on just the names of men. I think when all of those new men get going say by next year, if they all stay, that you ought to go pretty good. For this year I will be satisfied if you can finish well up in the Six, that is third or second. I have not yet figured out who will be first or maybe second.

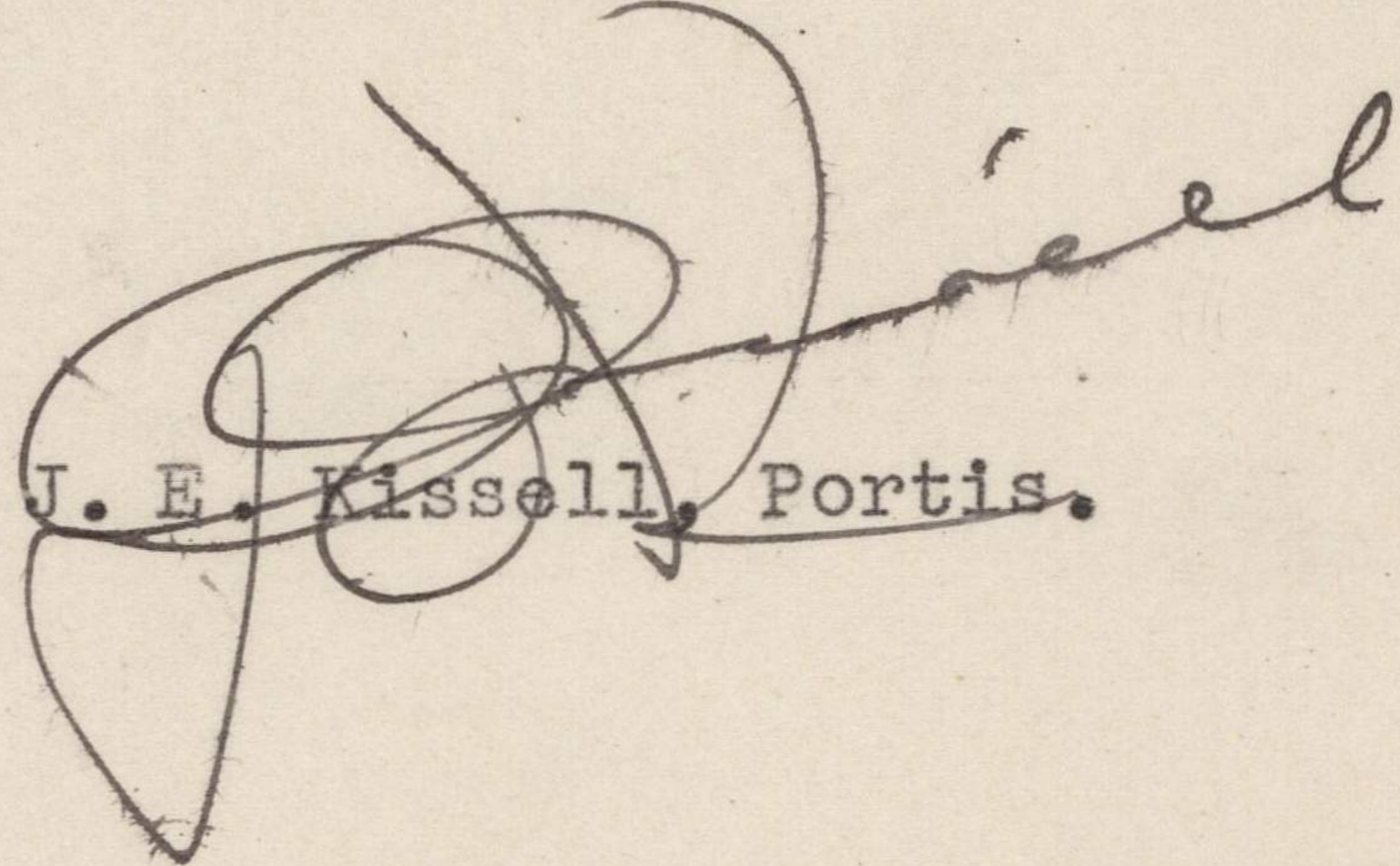
In a letter sometime back I noted what you said about Max and of course was glad and hope that he can make some sort of creditable record there. I know that he was a fine hi player but sometimes in college a boy does not go so well. I have been in basketball a long time, I guess about nearly 35 years in hi school, college and then the Dynamos for now 27 years. It would make a nice ending to basketball for me if Max could make a good average record there. Of course I will go ^{on} liking basketball after he leaves there and as long as I can I spose. Say, I played with Ks. Wesleyan against KU in the old Oakdale fair exhibition room in Salina when Tommy Johnson played. Tom made 18 that night and KWU also made 18 but other KU mne made 12 more so it was 30 to 18 for KU. Can't recall other Kansas players now and it seems maybe a fellow named Hamilton was coah or was in charge of them. I know we thot Johnson was a whiz.

Kindest regards and again let me say that this is not written to expect a reply and I may owe you apology for taking time even to run over this rambling.

Hope you go great in basketball and I will watch it close and may get down some time, tho it is a long trip. I had tickets for game there last Saturday but felt could not get away.

Regards to Mrs. Allen and all and again best wishes.

Sincerely,


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